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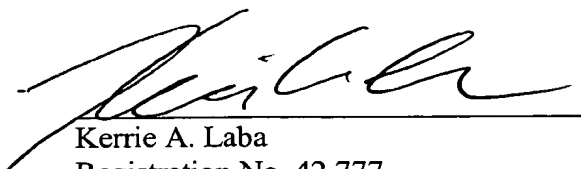
Complying with Applicant's duty of disclosure, Applicant encloses a copy of a search report received from a corresponding foreign patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was **first** cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

The enclosed Form-PTO 1449 lists the references cited in the search report. Copies of those references are enclosed. None of these items discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed and make the cited references of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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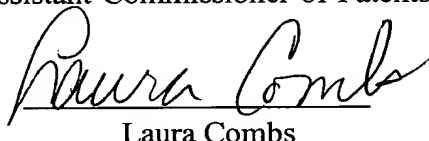


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